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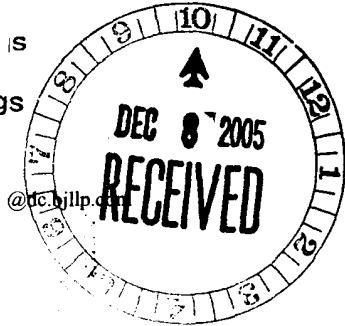
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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 577X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Wayne County, IN*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Richmond, IN ("Richmond") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 1.31-mile portion of rail line extending from railroad Milepost CI-61.90 to railroad Milepost CI-63.21 in Richmond, Wayne County, IN, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on December 22, 2005. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Richmond, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Richmond. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to June 20, 2006 to negotiate trail use with Richmond. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to August 19, 2006.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Gitomer

Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: Mr. Rabe

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